

Dr. Winstead

Community mourns death of local physician

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ESCATAWPA — The community is mourning the loss of long-time physician and former chief of staff at Singing River Hospital, Dr. William B. Winstead.

Winstead died Friday at Singing River Hospital. He was 76.

For nearly 40 years, he devoted tireless hours toward the betterment of medical care not only in Jackson County, but also the state of Mississippi, family members said.

During his career, Winstead served as Chief of Staff of Singing River Hospital in 1966-67. He served a six-year term on the Mississippi Commission on Hospital Care.

Winstead began his private practice in 1959 in Pascagoula. In 1970, he became an emergency room physician for the hospital.

Four years later, he reopened his practice in the city of Gautier. He practiced medicine there until his retirement in 1988.

Then in 1996, Dr. Winstead came

out of retirement to be a part of the Jackson County Medical Foundation and help make the opening of the Gautier Medical Center possible.

Before becoming a doctor, Winstead taught physics, chemistry and math at Hattiesburg High School, while at the same time attending the University of Southern Mississippi. He graduated in 1958 from the University of Mississippi Medical School with a doctorate degree in medicine.



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He retired for the second time in March 1998. In his honor, the city of Gautier proclaimed March 3 "Dr. William Winstead Day."

Survivors include his wife, Betty Church Winstead, two daughters, numerous grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

"He was a great man, and had a great ambition to be a doctor," said Mrs. Winstead, his wife of 53 years.

Funeral service arrangements have been made by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula.

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William B. Winstead, 76, of Escatawpa, Miss., died July 24, 1998 in Pascagoula. He was born March 7, 1922 in Ellisville, Miss. Mr. Winstead was a member of Escatawpa Baptist Church. He became the first practicing physician in Gautier and had devoted the past 39 years plus toward the betterment of medical care in Jackson County and the State of Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Church Winstead of Pascagoula; daughters Mrs. Gary (Laura W.) Beach of Pascagoula and Mrs. Paul (Jocelyn W.) Engdorf of Arlington, Texas; four grandchildren, Mrs. James R. (Angelique) Cooper of Semmes, Ala.; Paul Arthur Engdorf II; Richard Winstead Engdorf and Laura Nicole Engdorf, all of Arlington, Texas; great granddaughter, Laura Elizabeth Cooper of Semmes, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 26, from 6-9 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula, Miss.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 27 at Escatawpa Baptist Church in Escatawpa with the Rev. Greg Johnston officiating. Family has requested instead of flowers, donations made in his memory to his church, Escatawpa Baptist Church, P.O. Box 725, Escatawpa, Miss. 39552.

Interment will be in Serene Memorial Gardens in Escatawpa, Miss.

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